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John Ashcroft, Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am extremely disturbed when I see all of the time and money that has been spent in gratuitous pursuits like the Microsoft antitrust lawsuit. This suit has been injurious to both the American economy and the technology industry. The settlement that has been reached in this case must be upheld, and I am writing to go on record as supporting the settlement.

Frankly, this case is mind-boggling; I do not understand the rationale behind this suit. In my opinion, Microsoft has never done anything to harm its consumers. Microsoft's competitors have brought this case, not consumers. Indeed, all of the consumers that I have spoken with love what Microsoft stands for, it is honorable in its business endeavors, and has an incredible outreach program in the community. This company is being penalized for being successful, and this suit flies in the face of everything that we believe as Americans. The settlement will give the government oversight of Microsoft's business dealings, and ensure that Microsoft avoids unfair retaliatory measures against companies that engage in competition against Microsoft.

I think that the government should be spending the taxpayers' money helping Americans rather than wasting it in the unwarranted pursuit of this case. I support this settlement.

Sincerely,


Victor Bendersky